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Shimer Begins Its Ninety-Seventh Year

Frances Shimer's Ninety-Seventh Year officially got underway on Tuesday, October 6, when Acting President John H. Russel opened the first session of a three-day orientation period for faculty and staff members in the Heinze Room of Campbell Library. Keynoting the sessions were the words, "Cooperation" and "Integration", with emphasis upon the responsibility of faculty and staff members to the aims and purposes of the school. Various committee reports on the academic work of the students, the integration of communications in the curriculum, the use of the library, and student discipline helped to achieve a desirable sense of unity in regards to faculty and staff relationship toward the overall aims of the institution. The annual President's dinner, held this year in West Hall Lounge, concluded the faculty orientation program.

New students began arriving on Sunday, September 11, and were immediately welcomed into the Shimer Family by a staff of old students who served as hostesses and campus guides. After a series of teas, picnics and informal get-togethers, new students were given a set of three placement tests and were registered for their first semester course.

Old students returned to the campus on Tuesday and Wednesday, registered on the latter day and met for the first time their Little Sisters at the Y. W. C. A. Tea in West Hall Lounge immediately

following the opening convocation service in Metcalf Chapel. Classes began on Thursday, September 15.

This year's student body comes from all parts of the country, as far east as Connecticut, as far west as Washington, and stretching south from Michigan to New Mexico. As in previous years the majority of girls come from Illinois, Iowa, and Southern Wisconsin, with foreign countries represented by girls from Japan, China, Hawaii and Argentina. One male student is again enrolled in the college, although only as a part-time student.

On Saturday morning, September 17, the National Alumnae Board met with the Committee on Resources and Development of the Board of Trustees to make final arrangements for the Living Endowment Program. The annual meeting of the Trustees was held on the following Saturday where the following members were re-elected for another three year term: Mr. S. J. Campbell, Mr. S. C. Campbell, Mr. William H. Jackson, Mr. Edgar B. Tolman and Mrs. Myrtle C. Walgreen.

During the summer a considerable number of improvements and the usual amount of redecorating took place both inside and outside the college buildings. Extensive work was done on the boiler in the Power Plant, including the installation of a new stoker. Administrative offices in Metcalf Hall were rearranged in a more convenient manner so that the day by day operation of the school might be more closely integrated.

Everything considered, it appears now that Shimer's Ninety-Seventh year will be one of great promise

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Albin C. Bro Resigns; John H. Russel Named Acting President

After ten full years of devoted service, Dr. Albin C. Bro has resigned as President of Frances Shimer College, effective this month. His decision came only after long and careful consideration, the facts of which are explained more fully in his letter which follows on this page.

The College will feel the impact of his departure, the thousands of students, alumnae and friends whose lives he has touched during the last decade will miss his genuine interest and attention. The influence of both Dr. and Mrs. Bro has been of marked significance.

As of August 1, Dr. John H. Russel, dean of the College, has been

serving as Acting President, a position he will continue to hold during the remainder of the year. Dr. Russel came to Shimer in September, 1948, after fifteen years' experience in the field of education. He holds degrees from Illinois College, Harvard and the University of Chicago. He has taught in the Illinois public school system and at Blackburn College, serving there as Dean until his entry into the Navy in 1943. He came to Shimer directly from the University of Chicago where he served as technical assistant with the North Central Association. Dr. and Mrs. Russel and their two children have been living in Sawyer House since the middle of August.



Dr. Russel

Dear Shimer Friends:

"The best laid schemes o' mice an' men gang aft agley." And our plans of the last few months certainly fall into that category.

On April 11 I received a telegram from Dr. Brundage informing me that the Department of State wanted me to come to Washington for an interview regarding a position in Korea. The idea appealed to me immediately, so I went. Korea is one of the danger spots in the "cold war" between the ideas and ideals of democracy and communism—the kind of area where a "hot war" can easily break into flame. The work was to be cultural and educational, including the selection of young Korean boys and girls for educational training in our country under partial assistance from funds provided by the Fulbright Act.

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The Presidents Page . .

Dear Alumnae,

As another year opens at Shimer I am happy to send you special greetings. Our opening schedule, which included faculty and student orientation, special tests for students, registration, opening convocation is probably similar to the kind of schedule you have known in other years. Many of the traditional events at Shimer are those which you know, in many ways Shimer goes on the same from year to year. It is always difficult, however, for alumnae to realize that at the same time Shimer goes through many changes—changes which are bound to occur from year to year with a changing student group.

There are a few very definite changes this year which will interest you. This year we are having a daily twenty-minute chapel service which comes in the middle of the morning. Twice a week this program is a religious service; one of these two religious programs is handled entirely by students. The other three chapel periods are reserved for our orientation program which runs through the year. Another change which is new this year is our supervised study program for all Lower Division students with the provision, too, for study supervision for Upper Division students who have some difficulty with their course work.

The student newspaper has been revitalized this year under student direction and so far has been appearing each week as a two or three page multi-copied sheet. Of course, the annual RECORD which you have known for many years appears regularly in the spring.

Our curriculum continues to be centered in a program of general education, a philosophy of education to which both the Board of

Trustees and the Faculty of the College have been committed for the last few years. The structure of this program requires a core of required courses, which would mean that approximately two-thirds to three-fourths of the student's course schedule falls within this core program of general education. Frances Shimer has shown foresight in the development of its curriculum, and it is gratifying to note that an increasing number of institutions are planning programs of a like nature.

The choir has already begun practice under the direction of Mr. Frank Pooler who served on a part-time basis with the College last year and is serving as the full-time director of the choir this year. The choir is already planning one or two pre-Christmas performances, and a choir trip through southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois is planned for the first week in April. There is every indication that we will have a great choir this year.

Those of you who were here last year will recall the nine-day air trip that some of our students made to Florida and the West Indies. This year a similar air trip is being planned which will take a small group of students to Mexico.

We are looking forward now to our annual Parents' Week-end on November 5 and 6. In the past this has been a program of activities planned primarily for Shimer dads. This year we are including both mothers and fathers in our invitation.

I am looking forward to knowing many alumnae and I hope that many of you will write to me from time to time.

Sincerely,

John H. Russel

Acting President



Mr. McBride



Mrs. Bell



Miss Lafans



Mr. Crawford

Shimer Family Welcomes New Faculty And Staff Members . . .

Seven new faculty members and three additions to the staff are joining the Shimer family this fall.

● Appointed to the staff's Director of Admissions and Public Relations is Mr. Neil J. Crawford. Mr. Crawford was graduated from the Fortersburg, Indiana, high school in 1920 and took the A. B. degree from the University of Kentucky in 1925. He received the B. D. degree from Yale University in 1927. In addition to holding pastorates in Cleveland and Athens, Ohio; in Buffalo, New York; and Toronto, Ontario, he has taught Old and New Testament History at Schuylkill College in Cleveland.

Mr. Crawford is a Rotarian, a 32 degree Master and a member of the S. A. B. He has had wide experience as a lecturer before college and high school assemblies, service clubs and lodges, and has been in demand for commencement addresses in forty states. His wife and two sons, Garre and Kenneth, have accompanied him to Mt. Carroll. His daughter, Diana, is a Junior at Bethany College in West Virginia. Mr. Crawford assumed his present position on the first of September.

● Mr. Duncan E. McBride has been named Chairman of the Division of Social Sciences succeeding Dr. Bertha E. Leaman, who resigned to accept a similar position at the West Liberty State College, West Liberty, West Virginia. Mr. McBride has been an instructor at Frances Shimer since 1914. Dr. Leaman had been on the staff since 1915 and served as Chairman of the Division of Social Sciences since 1915. At West Liberty State College Dr. Leaman will be a full professor as well as head of the Division.

Filling the vacancy left by the elevation of Mr. McBride is Miss Ruth E. Lafans of Minneapolis, Minnesota. A graduate of the University of Minnesota in 1929 with a B. S. degree, Miss Lafans completed work on her Masters degree at the University of Minnesota in 1943 and is now working toward her Ph. D. in History at the same institution. Miss Lafans has had eighteen and a half years of teaching experience in both high school and college work. Her last position was at the Salem Academy and College in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

where she served as Dean of Women.

● Miss Mary E. Bell, R. N., was named Director of Student Health Service succeeding Miss Mona Robison who had been on the staff since 1947.

A graduate of the Women's and Children's Hospital School of Nursing in Chicago, Miss Bell has enjoyed a varied experience in the field of nursing. She has served as a staff nurse in numerous Chicago hospitals for a period of twenty years and has acted as camp nurse in a Michigan summer camp. She comes to Shimer from the Chicago Chapter of the American Red Cross where she was engaged in temporary Polio emergency nursing. Miss Bell is residing in the college infirmary.

● Mrs. Edna B. Gifford of Mt. Carroll has been named instructor in typing for the year. Mrs. Gifford came directly from Illinois State Normal University, DeKalb, Illinois, in 1929 to teach commercial subjects in the Mt. Carroll public high school, serving as instructor there until 1931. She was appointed instructor in typing and shorthand at Frances Shimer in 1931, and continued in that capacity for a period of eight years. In 1943 she was named secretary to the President, a position which she will continue to hold in addition to teaching.

● Mrs. Lelia Kay Wright, who for the past five years served as Admissions Counselor for the Chicago Area, accepted the position of Director of Admissions at Marjorie Webster Junior College located in Rock Creek Park Estates, Washington, D. C., effective the first of September. Mrs. Wright joined the Shimer faculty as an instructor in Violin in 1943 and was the following year placed in charge of the Chicago Office. Plans to replace her have not been completed.

Former Faculty Notes..

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Priesing (Dorothy McLemore, Piano '39-'41), a son, Richard Baxter, on August 10, 1949. Their address is 55 Academy Rd., Caldwell, New Jersey.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. R. Taylor Drake (Margaret Johnson, Dean '40-'42), a son, David Edward, on August 9, 1949. The Drakes are living at 1129 Twelfth Ave., Moline, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Lovejoy (Chemistry '40-'47) visited on the Shimer campus during the past summer. Their address is 1902 B Avenue, N.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Miss Jane Eby (Piano '41-'49) has returned to the States after a summer in Europe. Miss Eby writes that she had a wonderful summer hearing concerts every day.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. Gilbert Henrie, Jr. (Betty J. Collins, Physical Education '45-'48), a daughter, Betty June, on July 24, 1949. The Henries live at Miller Apts. No. 2, Center and Main, Meyersdale, Pennsylvania.

Married: Masago Shibuya (Secretary to Dean Lane '43-'44) to Hubert C. Armstrong on September 3, 1948. The Armstrongs' address is Commander Hotel, Apt. 109, Cambridge 38, Massachusetts. Mr. Armstrong is on the faculty of the Harvard University Graduate School of Education.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Glotzer (Romana Fierro, Spanish '46-'48) a son, Mr. and Mrs. Glotzer are living at 1015 E. 52nd Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Died: Rev. R. H. Seitner (instructor in Biblical History, 1926-1933, Minister Emeritus of the First Baptist Church, Mt. Carroll) on July 9 at Hines Hospital, Hines, Illinois.

"Remember?"



Central Dressing Room. Ladies were dressed in May Queen costume during the first and Mrs. Dea's presentation in 1927. (Courtesy of the University of Chicago)

All This Happened in 1927-1928

An epidemic of mumps took possession of the campus and forced postponement of the Senior Prom.

Semester grades were still being issued from the University of Chicago. Ruth Morris won the most bridges in the S. U. S. contest for Good Posture Week '28 in fact.

The Senior Class of 1927 was entertained at dinner in Sawyer House by President and Mrs. McKee becoming the first class ever to be entertained there. Grace Reynolds Spures '02 was elected president of the Alumni Association at the annual reunion dinner and Nellie Shirk Rinewalt '77 was honored on her golden anniversary as a Shimer alumna. Bernice Edwards was elected president of

the Student Council for 1927-1928.

Everybody was eating at Kate's. Frosh were called for the following: "Skirts must be above the knees, bloomers below, unmatched hose and shoes, middie on back, yards sashes over them, a black tie for aching an ear ring on one ear, a brass curtain ring on the other, five bracelets, three strings of beads, a ring on every finger, green painted caps tied securely with straight hair behind ears and lastly, no cosmetics except a generous coating of cold cream. Each Frosh must carry a waste-paper basket filled with books and a jumping rope and wear a safety pin as a frat pin." Madeleine Mosher as "Topsy" was awarded the prize for

the most original costume at the Halloween Prom given by the Academy Juniors . . . Sophomore special privileges included lying luxuriously in bed three mornings a month while the rest of the school dragged sleepy-eyed to breakfast, permission to stay off campus until five-fifteen, have lunch down town on Mondays without a chaperone, go in groups of four to Freeport once a semester, and sit in the bald-headed row in chapel . . . In spite of the Junior's frantic last-minute efforts to find him, Nebby stood proudly on the Seniors' table Thanksgiving Day . . . Notice, posted by Miss Morrison, "Parties that do not get their notebooks at once shall be thrown in the waste basket." . . . Among the guests the last night at Shimer before Christmas vacation began was Lorado Taft, the noted American sculptor. At eight o'clock December 16, 1927, in Metcalf Hall, Mr. Taft unveiled a reproduction of his Lincoln, the Young Lawyer, the original of which is in Champaign, Illinois. This piece was the beginning of the present art gallery . . . Thirty cents per person admitted you to the A. A. dance on January 21 where the most popular number requested was "Show Boat" . . . The Sewing Club reported that their January meeting found the tongues going a little faster than the needles, perhaps . . . The *Constant Wife* was running in Chicago, starring Ethel Barrymore . . . Miss Bur-ty's presentation of the play, *Pigs*, a rapidly moving comedy of American life, was a moving success on the Shimer campus . . . Joke, Little Beth—"Auntie, why are those two angry girls trading coats and hats?" Miss Hostetter—"They're room-mates, dear" . . . Madeline Johnson reigned as 1928 May Queen. Betty Seitner and Suzanne Miles leading the procession as crown-bearer and Buddy Seitner and Teddy Miles

serving as queen's pages . . . Upon the eve of the Seventy-Fifth anniversary of the founding of Frances Shimer, the entire student body made the third annual pilgrimage to Mrs. Shimer's grave . . . On May eleventh hay-racks transported students off the campus and on to Smith's Park where different groups explored the cave, sought out the refreshment stand, furnished their own music for dancing on the pavilion and stowed away sandwiches, potato salad, pickles, cake and coffee for lunch . . . All expectations were more than realized during Vernetta White's graduate recital in piano on March 26 . . . When the weatherman decided there should be rain on June fifth, the scheduled lawn supper for college sophomores and academy seniors was served in Metcalf Hall, which was converted into a most attractive dining room by means of pink and white peonies, and table decorations in the pastel shades . . . The pageant, "Frances Shimer's Gift to Education," was presented on June twelfth, in commemoration of the Seventy-Fifth anniversary of the school. The pageant was presented on the natural stage provided by the lawns on the south quadrangle between the rows of stately, deep-rooted pines and larch trees planted by the founder herself and was excellently portrayed . . . Receiving with President and Mrs. McKee at the open house at Sawyer House on June 11 was Mrs. Winona Branch Sawyer of Lincoln, Nebraska, a member of the class of 1871. The occasion marked, not only her first visit to the School since 1911 but also to Sawyer House the generous gift to her Alma Mater . . . Dean Shailer Mathews of the University of Chicago Divinity School gave the Commencement Address on June 13, 1925, speaking on the subject.

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The Enrichment of a Campus . . .

Notice: These four pages explain in detail the Living Endowment Program, launched on November 1 and continuing through November 17. The program is a direct step forward in the realization of the college's financial campaign, and it is important that ONCE EACH YEAR, and only once, will Francis Shimer ask its alumni to contribute to this worthy purpose.

Every educational institution in the country, regardless of its heritage and its noble record, must have financial security in order to guarantee its future. Francis Shimer College is no exception.

Because it is privately controlled Shimer today faces increasing competition from all the publicly supported educational institutions in the country. Tax-supported schools are continuously improving their equipment, strengthening their faculties, and consequently enriching their entire programs. The possibility that more better financial income may help them ultimately to overshadow our academic program is cause for some alarm.

We feel that if Shimer is to run a race in which all of us can take pride it must possess the most adequate equipment and the keenest faculty, as well as the strong educational program which it now enjoys. All of you realize that colleges like Shimer are not supported entirely from the fees of students. A substantial amount of income for operating expenses comes from gifts and endowments. Neither fees nor special funds, however, can provide for additions and improvements to the physical plant nor for increases in faculty and staff salaries. Such additions can come only from the generous philanthropy of loyal alumni such as you. The National Alumni Board has therefore planned this Living Endowment Program to raise funds for these two purposes.

The information on the following pages will help you plan accordingly the contribution you will want to make at this time.

The Living Endowment Program

AN OPEN FORUM:

Q. What is the Living Endowment?

A. The Living Endowment is a very simple plan by which an alumna can maintain the principal sum of an endowment for the college merely by paying the interest on it for one or more years.

Q. Why does Shimer need additional endowment?

A. In comparison with any of the better liberal arts colleges in the country, Shimer's endowment is pitifully small. Less than 3% of Shimer's total educational costs are provided by its permanent endowment.

Q. Who decides where the money will go?

A. Since this is strictly an alumnae project the National Alumnae Board has the final decision. This year 85% of the total will be turned over to the College for operating expenses as outlined on page 12. The remaining 15% will be held in trust by the College and used for special projects as voted by the Alumnae Association.

Q. What about my alumnae dues?

A. Alumnae dues for 1949-1950 will be payable this year on the same blank provided for your pledge to the Living Endowment Program. Once again one-half of your dues (\$1.00) will support the printing of the Alumnae News; the remainder (\$1.00) will be kept in the Association treasury for operating expenses.

Q. How much should I give?

A. The size of your gift is directly related to your own psychological need, for giving is one of your real needs. In the final analysis it's not the size of your gift that matters; the most important thing is that you do give! Turn to the chart on page 11 and pledge your gift according to your capacity to give.

And Your Share In It . . .

LOOK AT THE AMAZING POSSIBILITIES THIS PROGRAM REVEALS!

If 1% of all Shiner Alumni gave \$	100
If 2% " " " " "	50
If 5% " " " " "	25
If 25% " " " " "	10
If 50% " " " " "	5 (or less)

We would have available a total of \$25,000

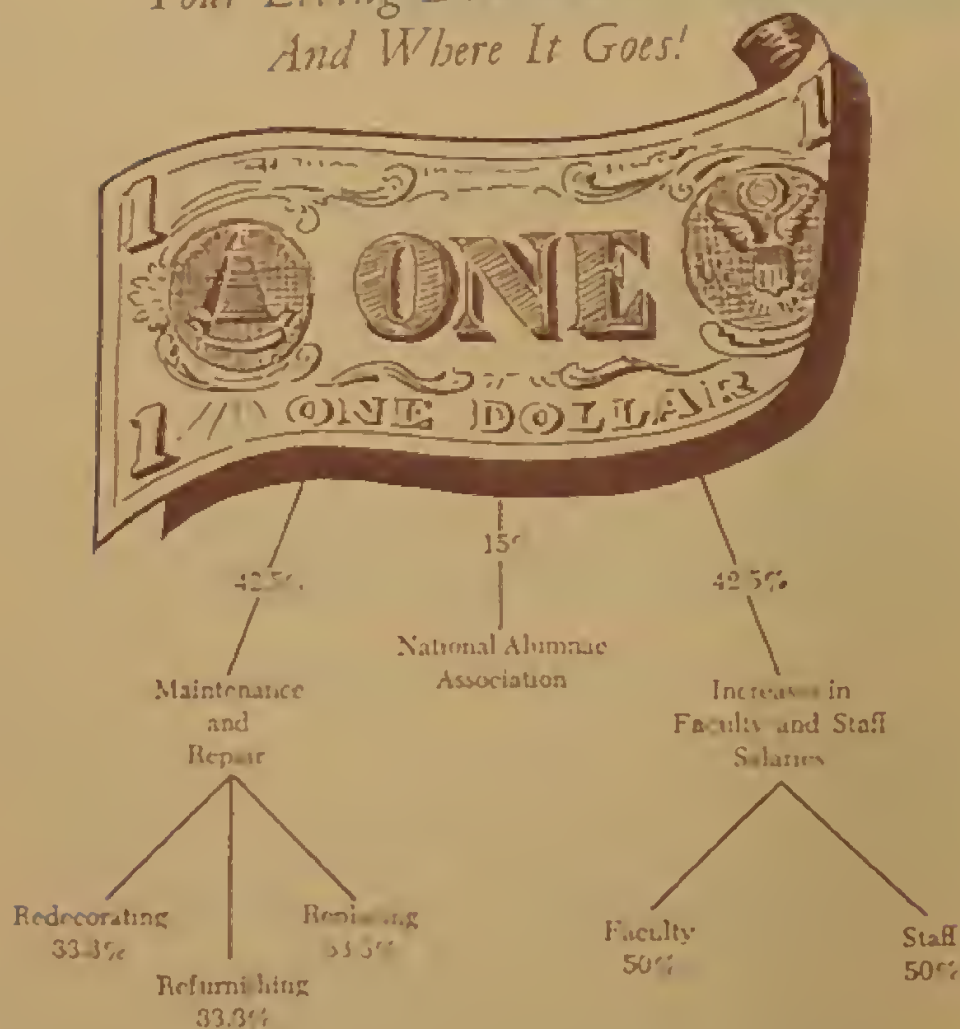
Equal to an added endowment of \$500,000

YOU probably cannot give a large endowment to the college, but you can maintain such an endowment over a period of years merely by paying the yearly interest rate.

Your Gift of	Maintains an Endowment of
\$ 1.00	\$ 30
5.00	150
10.00	300
25.00	750
50.00	1500
100.00	3000
150.00	4500
200.00	6000

(Interest rates are figured around 5%)

Your Living Endowment Dollar And Where It Goes!



Frances Shimer College
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Mount Carroll Illinois

Paid Herewith \$ _____

For Alumni Due \$ _____

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Date _____

Payable:

- ☐ Monthly
- ☐ Quarterly
- ☐ Semi-Annually
- ☐ Annually

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This pledge is deemed effective for a period of one year at which time it will be renewed automatically. It is understood you may terminate your pledge at any time.

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Across the Campus . .

• An organ recital by Miss Margaret Jackson of Chicago opened on September 18 the first in a series of Saturday evening recitals by outstanding concert artists. Miss Jackson is a graduate of the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago, recently received her Master's Degree in organ from the Conservatory.

The second in the series of concert recitals was presented by John S. Sweetser III, a brilliant young pianist from Detroit, Michigan. One of the long strings of his present concert tour, Mr. Sweetser was guest artist on the Detroit Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Karl Kreiger. His program consisted of music by Scarlatti, Mozart, Schumann, Chopin, Debussy and Grieg and Liszt and was greatly enjoyed.

• Two exhibitions of watercolors by well-known American artists have been exhibited in the Art Gallery of Campbell Library under the auspices of the Art Club. On September 25 an exhibition by Jennie Ann Butler, who is also widely known for her work in pencil and wash, was shown from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mrs. Butler has devoted almost her entire art career to the painting of decorative bird pictures, which combine a broad dynamic theme of design, meticulous detail and elegant color.

On October 16 an exhibition by Mary Hill of Calicutra was opened to the public depicting the customs and costumes of Guatemala and Mexico. Combined with this group was Mrs. Hill's personal collection of textiles, jewelry and clothing from Guatemala. Her work showed astonishing simplicity and a clear clarity difficult to obtain.

• The program for student night included the discovery of a great

amount of talent among the student body. Highlighting the evening was a number of selections in the romanza played by Miss Lois Langhlin of Osage, Iowa. Besides being a pianist, Miss Langhlin has won some recognition as an artist in that her colored impressions in watercolor of the song "Birds in the Sky" which Vaughn Monroe has made so popular, has been hung in the noted Land Center School.

• Under the direction of a Deputy State Fire Marshal Shinner, students were given instruction during the month of September in the handling of all standard fire fighting equipment found in the campus buildings. Firemen from the local volunteer fire department were on hand to instruct in the use of CO₂, Soda Acid, and carbon tetrachloride fire extinguishers as well as the use of the County fire station. Throughout the year, students will be instructed in other phases of fire prevention and safety.

• Twenty-five members of the Green Curtain Dramatic Club journeyed by bus on Saturday, October 5, to Chicago where they attended Cole Porter's musical "Kiss Me Kate" at the Schubert Theatre. While in Chicago they also visited the Art Institute. This is the first in a series of planned trips to Chicago where members of the club will be given an opportunity to enjoy the best in drama and the creative arts. Another group of twenty girls spent the week end of October 15 at St. John's Military Academy in Delaheld, Wisconsin, where they were guests of the St. John's Cadets.

• The fifth annual Play Day exercises were held on the campus on October 15. Forty-seven high school seniors and their advisors from surrounding cities were invited on campus to participate in the program of planned activities.

Shimer Across the Country . . .

● The alumnae of the Chicago North Side and West Side Chapters combined their efforts in making possible a tea for prospective students in the Chicago home of Donna Ziebel in August. Thirty new students attended the tea, as did Dr. and Mrs. Russel, Miss Hostetter and Mr. and Mrs. Seithner from the campus. Assisting Miss Ziebel was Nancy Newell who poured.

● More than fifty California "Shimerites", including alumnae and their families, enjoyed a gala Pool Party on Sunday, September 11, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Sydney Walker (Helen Huntoon '32) in Beverly Hills, California. The party which got underway at one o'clock, gave everyone a chance to swim, play bridge or canasta and have fortunes told during the afternoon. A picnic lunch around five o'clock was eaten on card tables in the shade, each family bringing its food to pass. During the evening many of the couples enjoyed square dancing, billiards and many other activities.

● A Halloween party, held at the home of Nancy Newell, 3240 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois, on October 13, brought from the campus Dr. Russel, Mr. Crawford and Mr. Seithner, as well as an interested group of Chicago North Side alumnae. Plans for the Laying Endowment were discussed as were arrangements for the choir concert scheduled for the Studebaker Auditorium on Palm Sunday, April 2. Refreshments, including cider and doughnuts, taffy apples and mixed fruit, were served later in the evening.

● A Games Party, the proceeds of which will be turned into the Chi-

cago Scholarship Fund, was held at the Mills House, Home and Pleasant, Oak Park, Illinois, by the Chicago West Side Alumnae Chapter, on Friday evening, October 14. Over twenty door prizes, including cologne, candy, a vase of red roses, two small hams, hand embroidered pillow cases, a bushel of apples, a certificate for a photograph and an aqua pottery vase were awarded during the evening. The raffle prizes, drawn for during the close of the evening, consisted of a General Electric steam iron and a sandwich grill. Sandwiches, cake and coffee were served as refreshments.

● The Carroll County Alumnae and their families totalling more than fifty in number enjoyed a picnic supper on Mrs. Charles R. Walgreen's Estate, Hazelwood, near Dixon, on Saturday, October 15. Many alumnae arrived early in the afternoon to view the beauty of the grounds and stayed late to enjoy the hospitality of Mrs. Walgreen. In addition to a number of Shimer faculty and staff, Dr. and Mrs. Bro and Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Campbell were also in attendance. The Bros were enjoying a few days with Mrs. Walgreen. The Campbells flew in from Boston where they attended the christening of Samuel James Campbell Dynes, infant son of a former Mt. Carroll resident.

● As of this writing plans for a meeting of the Fox Valley Alumnae in the Elgin, Illinois, Y.W.C.A. Parlors on Thursday, October 27, are underway. Barbara Geister Belding, 43, 448 Ashland Avenue, Elgin, is in charge of all arrangements. Dr. Russel, Mr. Crawford and Mr. Seithner will attend from the college.

Bro Revisits (Cont.)

The interview was encouraging so application was filed. Our Shiner Board of Trustees granted a leave of absence for a year, and then the usual F. B. I. investigation commenced as the red tape and vagaries of government appointment began to unwind. One of the last - and I supposed least - of the routine requirements was a physical examination by the staff of the Fifth Army Dispensary. It was then that electrocardiographs and x-rays revealed a functional weakness of the heart with high diastolic blood pressure that made the appointment impossible. Only then did it occur to me that the original request had come on April Fools Day. The disappointment was very great. Our household goods had been packed and mostly distributed among our children; ten trunks and several barrels had been crammed full for shipment - when the plan went agley.

In light of the physical problem it seemed best to go ahead with a lullough year. So in late August we left for our summer home at Cable Wisconsin to live in the wonderful out-of-doors, to store up new health and to work out new plans and new hopes.

About that time Mrs. Brees first novel Sarah appeared. The occasion was not unlike the arrival of another daughter into the family, for Sarah is very real to us. We were much pleased that the first printing sold out in seven weeks. We have just reached the campus after a happy week in Chicago where some of the bookstores gave luncheons and parties for Sarah, with broadcasts over WLS and WMAQ. There are no words to express our appreciation and gratitude to our friends.

It was a great thrill to reach the

campus. Most of you have had the excitement of the first return after being away. The Russels are in Sawyer House and have transformed it into a beautiful home. The guest room was ours. Within an hour of our arrival we met the old and new faculty members at a tea and later scores of students at a dinner in the dining room. The joy of that return will be one of our very precious memories.

The campus was full of enthusiasm. The perennial hockey activities - aching arms and legs and locks and even heads - but determination to beat College or Academy. This year the big game comes on the afternoon of Parents' Day on November 6 - a grand idea. And what a game it will be!

We were enthusiastic about the quality of the student body. Miss Hostetter remarked that it had been many years since the school had made a start with such happiness and such high morale. The complainers seem to be absent.

We attended chapel and sensed a fine religious spirit and quality of work. This year there is a daily chapel service of twenty minutes beginning at 9:50 and ending promptly at 10:10. Dr. Hutchins has an office on the campus in order to spend more time with the students. Mr. Handy's advanced course in religion and philosophy seems to be one of the best. The choir under Mr. Popler has forty-six members and is already showing signs of surpassing the fine group we had last year. We listened in on a rehearsal that filled us with elation. The YWCA is active in many paths of service.

Only at one point have the school plans also gone agley. There is not enough income from student fees to assure a balanced budget. An unusually large number of stu-

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Bro Resigns (Cont.)

dents required help this year in the form of work and scholarships—maybe one reason why the quality is so good. Extra work has been provided even to the extent of having some of the dishwashing done by students. But if a severe deficit is to be avoided, money is needed for food and salaries and coal bills. Everything else about the school year seems to be so fine that I feel there should be no hesitancy in asking for help or in giving it. The living endowment plan announced in this issue is sound and permanent. I do hope there will be a widespread response, especially from the girls with whom we have lived and worked during the last ten years.

The physical disability that prevented our going to Korea has also brought a decision to resign as President, effective this month. It was a very hard decision to make. During the ten years we have been at Shimer a total of approximately 2000 girls and boys have been enrolled and have become our friends. Also, we feel close to a host of parents and older alumnae. We will always be a part of this big family and will continue to cherish the warm affection and good will that is so much a part of the Shimer spirit. Whatever we may have accomplished is wrapped up in these enduring human relationships.

Our address from November 1 until next summer will be Cable, Wisconsin. There in the north land we will have time in the out-of-doors to recreate health and to continue some creative activities, including some more books. Also, for some extra fun we are going to operate a small bookshop to be called *The Book Porch*. It will be a year with books as the main activity. There will also be long winter evenings when we would enjoy reading

notes from our friends, and when we actually expect to have time to answer our mail. But perhaps the best way we can keep in touch with each other is by reaffirming our love for the lively fellowship of students and faculty, the beautiful campus, the continuing quest which has made Shimer our school.

Sincerely,

Albin C. Bro

Remember (Cont.)

"Does Education Educate?" Diplomas were conferred upon sixty-five graduates of the Academy and Junior College . . . On August 28, 1928 ground was broken for the much-needed and long hoped for gymnasium and swimming pool . . . On the evening of September 22, the Frances Shimer School Gateway was dedicated, Mr. S. J. Campbell of the Board of Trustees officially presenting the school with the new entrance. Following the presentation, coffee and doughnuts were served on the steps of Campbell Library to more than two hundred people who attended the ceremony . . . Two movies, "My Best Girl", starring Mary Pickford and "Ramano", with Dolores del Rio were shown on succeeding evenings with great enthusiasm . . . The new school song, "Frances Shimer, Thee We Praise" was sung for the first time at the Thanksgiving Dinner in 1928. The words were written by Roberta Lehard of Oak Park, Illinois, and the music composed by Margaret Munger of Spencer, Iowa . . . Gertrude Best received the prize for the funniest costume at the 1928 Halloween Prom. She was, to quote herself, "The toughest feller this side of the Winegar Woiks" . . . There's more, but we've run out of space!

The Scattered Family . .

1890

Emma Devine Biggers and her daughter were camping on the shore of Lake Umbagog when on August 5 they found a lioness in 2032 South Street, Oxford, Conn., U.S.A.

1912

The death of Mathilda Keller Lister on June 25, 1912 was reported to us by her son, Marion Lister Zepnowicz, 88.

1918

Walter was reported from Dr. Huelb's Clinic, 100 State Street, LaSalle, Ill. His wife, Beatrice Brown Black passed away on June 3, 1918.

1923

Wanda Evans Burton died the cancer which she contracted in 1918, on October 1, 1923, at her home, 1150 S. 10th Ave., Chicago, Ill. Wanda, who was married to the Standard Oil Company of California, has been at the University of New Mexico. She took a lot of pleasure in the study of the history of the United States and the life of Pearl Kulp McDonald and her associates and her mother, the Great Central Dramatic Club.

Mabel Morris, after a long and successful teaching career, is now living at her old home in Newton, Iowa.

1930

Ruth Todd Wickhorst, formerly married, has two children, David, 7, and William, 4, and lives in 1930 in South Street, Chicago, Ill. She is now in the line of teaching in the University of Illinois. She writes that her sister Mary Todd Grimes, 24, married with her and her sister Ann, 28, the past summer.

Married, Martha Jane Miller to Mr. Frank W. Davis on October 8, 1919, in Chicago. Mildred Russell Walton, 50, married a Matron of Honor. Mildred has two boys, 15 and 12 years old, and lives in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

1931

Walma Geary Roberts, formerly married, is now living at 224 So. Main Street, Mendota, California. Mrs. Roberts has been married and writes: "I hope to marry again, I don't know if I can. I am Applied Art, Interior and Costume Design. It will take a long time, I'm not sure if I can do it, but I will be in Chicago, Ill."

1933

Priscilla LaPelle Cooper started a home on August 11. She was married with her two children, Sharon, 7, and John, 4, to Sharon, Connecticut, to her father, Guernsey, while her husband was living in home for them in New York City where he has recently

been living. Priscilla married about the same time when she had during the year when she was 18. She has a son, that Eleanore Seefeldt was married to, and her mother, Mrs. Ruth Grimes was an unhappy little girl who had a very hard time and that it was a privilege to have Eleanore Porter the last year. She remarked that Ann Sims had a very good job and a wonderful home to go to. We were not able to find out how much of a home she had during the year of her life, but she went to the place the next time. The campus of the school, Priscilla, in the summer of 1933.

1934

Helen Bannon LaSalle, Illinois, is now teaching the United States History in the World War Museum in the city.

Patricia Speed is now in the city of the Los Angeles, California, of the United States Company, a large advertising firm in the world. Patricia's address is 800 North Los Angeles Ave., Apt. 207, Hollywood, 38, California.

1936

Barbara McNab Rogers, now married, and Dr. H. Milton Rogers, and their daughter, Mary, are in the Summer camp, June 24, 1936, at 815 Lombard Ave., North St. Peterburg, Florida.

Married, Marion Lister to Mr. Paul Zepnowicz on September 24, 1911, in Savanna, Illinois. Her address is 2815 Fort and Street, Los Angeles, Illinois.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Warren H. Bloch (Hazel Armistead), a daughter, Bridget, on June 20, 1919. The Blochs are living at 6724 South Washington Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

1937

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Thompson (Edwina Myers), a daughter, Linda Helen, on September 28, 1919. Her address is 2713 So. Broadway, Peru, Indiana.

1940

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Howard B. Slater (Rita Tracer), a daughter, Linda Tracer, on December 12, 1938. Her address is 511 Glenview Ave., Highland Park, Illinois.

Frances Bunn Anderson and her husband, Elmer, the State of Illinois, on September 16, 1919. The Andersons are living at 585 Pennell Court, Ames, Iowa.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Arthur Dorothy Whittaker, a daughter, Frances Ann, on July 17, 1919. The Andersons

is living at 1349 W. Bracken Rd., Metamora, Michigan.

Married: Margaret Straw to Mr. Herbert H. Greenwald on December 18, 1948 at the home of Margaret's parents in Winnebago, Illinois. Margaret is employed as a bookkeeper at the Silver Burdett Publishing Company and lives at 1526 E. 67th Place Winnebago, Illinois.

Phyllis Steele Butters and her husband are living in Hayward, California. Phyllis writes, "Mr. Butters was stationed in California during the war, so like many others we remained and now call this home. We built a house on the Oakland side of the Bay, though his work is in San Francisco. We have a darling little girl now 9 months old, whom we adopted when eleven days old".

Madalyn Bruce Kennedy and her husband, John, are living at 2009 N. 73rd Ave., Elwood Park, Illinois. Madalyn is working for the Universal Ventrian Blind Company in Forest Park and her husband is with the Sinclair Oil Company.

Married: Lorraine Lawver Mitchell to Mr. Robert J. Krast on September 3, 1949, in Ironwood, Michigan. The Mitchells are living at 612 Iron Street, Hurley, Wisconsin. Lorraine's sister, Harriet, is a student at Shimer this year.

1941

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Seaberg (Audrey Ewald), a son, John Charles, on July 26, 1949. The Seabergs live at 1416 Jefferson St., Des Plaines, Illinois.

Josephine Harriman Smith and her family enjoyed a motor and boat trip through French Canada in September. While in Canada they stayed at the famous "Manoir Richelieu" at Murray Bay. The return trip was via Maine and Boston.

Married: Donna Pinnell to Mr. William H. Gabriel on April 23, 1949 in the First Presbyterian Church, Clinton, Iowa. Donna and her husband are living at 320-5th Avenue, South, Clinton, Iowa.

Married: Ruth Stevens Bennett to Mr. Robert N. Fulethian on September 11, 1949, in Summit, New Jersey. Barbara Day, Ruth's roommate at Shimer, was one of the bridesmaids. The Fulethians are living at 24 Fairway Road, Chestnut Massachusetts.

Peg Stone Dickman and her husband are living at R. No. 2, Box 209, Indian Lake, Eau Claire, Michigan. Peg writes that she had a perfect summer sailing, golfing and water skiing.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Malotte (Mary Sue Ensminger), a son, Leonard Arthur, on August 13, 1949. The Malottes are living at 1714 Commercial,

Columan, Texas.

1943

Married: Alice Breeze to Mr. John H. Stenbeck on October 29, 1949, in the Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. William H. Morris, Jr. (June Gebert), a son, William H. III, on June 7, 1949. Their address is 118 State St., Merrill, Wisconsin.

Betty Ann Taylor Schorger writes, "We have returned to the United States and are living at Sudbury Road, Concord, Massachusetts. Seems good to be back even though we had a grand year in the West Indies."

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Sevin (Dorothy Bull), a son Peter Frederick, on July 19, 1949. The Sevin's are living at 14107 Hubbell Ave., Detroit 27, Michigan.

Married: Elizabeth Cooper to Mr. Richard D. Blum on June 19, 1949 in New York.

Married: Andrea Seldaeffi to Mr. Thomas E. Carlson on July 16, 1949, at St. Robert's Rectory, Shorewood, Wisconsin. The Carlsons are living at 711 North 16th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Hartman (Virginia Gordon), a daughter Jill Annette, on July 16, 1949. The Hartmans are living at Cl. J - 40-c, Stadium Terrace, Champaign, Illinois, a university housing development, while Mr. Hartman continues his study in architecture at the University of Illinois.

1944

Layna Ricketts and her husband, Carl, are living at 510 Willow St., Pacific Grove, California, where her husband is a submarine officer with the United States Navy. They have a son, Gordon Michael, born June 6, 1948.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. James Fisk (Rita Rudee), a son, James Palmer, on June 11, 1949. Their address is Prophetstown, Illinois.

Married: Mary Elizabeth Treat to Mr. Merle F. Kuhlman on August 6, 1949, in the Bushnell Congregational Church, Detroit, Michigan. The Kuhlman's are living at 15716½ Ward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

Marion Cattle Towns and her husband, Howard, are living in Gibsland, Louisiana, Box 241. Marion writes, "I hope some day to be able to go back and visit Shimer as I loved it there and want my husband to see it and know why I talk about it so much."

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At the same time, Don Gervais, Mr. Gervais' brother-in-law, was arrested on charges of conspiracy to defraud the American people of their money. He was charged with conspiring with the American people to defraud them of their money.

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